



## Review article: Freedom to lead a life we have reason to value? A spotlight on health inequity in the Asia Pacific region

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### Abstract:

The Asia Pacific region is home to more than 60% of the world's population. Life expectancy at birth differs between countries by as much as 27 years. This article suggests that asymmetric economic growth, unplanned urbanization, marked environmental change, unequal improvements in daily living conditions, and the unequal distribution and access to quality health care have contributed to health inequities in the Asia Pacific region. Contextually specific evidence and action are needed. This requires ongoing monitoring of health inequities and systematic evaluation of societal changes and their impact on health inequities. It requires better understanding of how to translate theoretical and empirical demonstrations of the social and environmental impact on health inequities into evidence-informed policies and programs, in diverse geopolitical, socioeconomic, and sociocultural contexts across the Asia Pacific region and the range of associated complex policy processes. A spotlight is needed on health inequities and their causes else the status quo will persist.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Security, Precipitation, Sea Level Rise, Temperature

**Extreme Weather Event:** Flooding, Hurricanes/Cyclones

**Food/Water Security:** Agricultural Productivity

**Temperature:** Extreme Heat, Fluctuations

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location:

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resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

**Non-United States:** Asia, Australasia

**Asian Region/Country:** Other Asian Region

**Other Asian Region:** Asia Pacific

**Health Impact:** 

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

**Population of Concern:** A focus of content

**Resource Type:** 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

**Timescale:** 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified